

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 119
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Linda Villar of Hamblen County on her selection as Teacher of the Year at East Ridge Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Linda Villar is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Linda Villar has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at East Ridge Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor's Degree in both Biology and Education from the University of Tennessee and has also performed graduate work at Walters State Community College and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Linda Villar has served with acumen and alacrity as a sixth grade teacher at East Ridge Elementary School for three exemplary decades; in addition to being the current Science instructor, she has also previously taught Health, Language Arts, and Reading; and

WHEREAS, previous to joining the East Ridge faculty in 1975, she taught science for grades six through twelve for a year at Escola Bandeirante in Ceres, Brazil; and

WHEREAS, Linda Villar is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, ambitious and generous with her time, she also supervises and mentors new teachers and is on the committee to develop the countywide curriculum development guide; and

WHEREAS, Linda truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching, she has made time to share her talents and expertise with the Jefferson High School Project Graduation, the committee for the anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 76, and with First Baptist Church in Dandridge; and

WHEREAS, Linda Villar is a member of the Animal Behavioral Society and the Society of American Mammalogists, in addition to her affiliations with the Hamblen County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her family; and

WHEREAS, Linda Villar truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Linda Villar, a talented, compassionate, and generous educator, on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at East Ridge Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.